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(A.7)

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, CHARLES R. WILDS WAS PROPOSED AS SUCCESSOR TO ELDON SMITH IN SUBJECT POSITION IN A LETTER ADDRESSED BY AMBASSADOR BENNETT TO SYG.

2. QUOTED BELOW IS SYG RESPONSE, DATED 6 APR 1978:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED 16TH FEBRUARY 1978 IN WHICH YOU INFORMED ME OF YOUR AUTHORITIES' WISH TO PROPOSE MR. CHARLES R. WILDS AS A SUCCESSOR TO MR. ELDON SMITH WHOSE TOUR AS NATO CONTROLLER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOW DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF AUGUST 1978.

"I HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR VERY COMMENDATORY STATEMENT CONCERNING MR. WILDS' QUALIFICATIONS AND WIDE-RANGING EXPERIENCE IN BUDGETARY MATTERS AND IN MANAGEMENT ROLES.  
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I AM, INDEED, TRULY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES TO SUBMIT A HIGHLY-COMPETENT CANDIDATE WITH SUCH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF SERVICE.

"HAVING CAREFULLY REVIEWED ALL THE FACTORS INVOLVED, I HAVE NEVERTHELESS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT NOT TO FOLLOW THE NORMAL PROCEDURE AND REFRAIN FROM ADVERTIS-

ING THE POST TO ALL DELEGATIONS. MAY I ASSURE YOU,  
HOWEVER, THAT MR. WILDS' EMINENT QUALIFICATIONS AND  
EXPERIENCE AND THE STRONG RECOMMENDATION OF YOUR AUTHORI-  
TIES WILL BE GIVEN THE GREATEST POSSIBLE WEIGHT IN THE  
ULTIMATE SELECTION PROCESS."

3. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY BY NATO ADMINISTRATION  
THAT THE POSITION WILL BE ADVERTISED SHORTLY AND THAT  
IT IS HOPED THAT FINAL SELECTION, AFTER NOMINATIONS ARE  
RECEIVED, WILL TAKE PLACE BY END OF JUNE 1978.  
RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS POSITION TO US  
INTERESTS, WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH NATO ADMINISTRATION AND  
SYG LUNS TO ASSURE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME. BENNETT

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